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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - USER CHARGES AT JAPANESE AIRPORTS

1. AS EMBASSY IS AWARE, US HAS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS RAISED
QUESTION OF JAPANESE AVIATION USER CHARGES, AS FOLLOWS:

A. NOTES GIVEN TO JAPANESE ON NOISE CONTROL CHARGES.

B. AT END OF APRIL CONSULTATIONS, JAPANESE WERE GIVEN LIST
OF QUESTIONS ON USER CHARGES WITH REQUEST FOR ANSWERS.

C. AT END OF JULY CONSULTATIONS, JAPANESE WERE GIVEN AN
INFORMAL PAPER OUTLINING US VIEWS ON USER CHARGES AND
INDICATING THAT TECHNICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH JAPAN
WOULD BE SOUGHT.

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2. PURPOSE OF SUCH TECHNICAL LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE TO
OBTAIN FACTS AND DATA REGARDING (A) COST BASIS FOR AVIATION
USER CHARGES, (B) ALLOCATION OF COSTS AMONG USER CATEGORIES,
(C) AIRPORT OF AIRWAY CHARGING SYSTEMS, (D) CURRENT AND
ANTICIPATED LEVELS OF COST RECOVERY, (E) TOTAL CHARGES PAID
BY INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTED PROPOSE TO JCAB THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS

TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS DURING WEEK OF
EITHER SEPTEMBER 19 OR 26. US WOULD PLAN SEND TWO OR THREE
PERSONS FROM DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH TECHNICAL
EXPERTISE IN USER CHARGES. PARTICIPATION OF EMBOFF IN
DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

4. DEPT DOES NOT REGARD THAT PROPOSED FACT-FINDING
DISCUSSIONS ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO UPCOMING CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, WHILE THERE HAS BEEN NO DECISION TO DO
SO, US MAY WISH TO RAISE QUESTION OF AN EXPANDED USER
CHARGE PROVISION IN US-JAPAN CIVAIR AGREEMENT DURING
REVISION TALKS.

5. IF DISCUSSIONS AGREED, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER INTERPRETER NEEDED AND WHETHER JCAB WILL PROVIDE ONE.

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